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WASHINGTON, January 25, 1990 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 20 totaled 340,821, down 0.9 percent from the comparable week of 1989 but 3.0 percent above the preceding week of 1990, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads.

Carloadings originated were up 3.7 percent in the West but down 4.7 percent in the East, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1989 week, coal loadings were up 5,195 cars (4.1 percent), and loadings of metallic ores were up 2,385 cars (16.8 percent). Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 9,013 cars (41.5 percent).

Cumulative carloadings for the first three weeks of 1990 totaled 960,803, down 2.1 percent from the comparable period a year ago.

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- which is not included in the carloadings -- totaled 113,309 trailers and/or containers for the week ended January 20, up 0.4 percent from the comparable week of 1990.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first three weeks of 1990 was 319,682 trailers and/or containers, 3.3 percent above the comparable 1989 total.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 20 totaled 19.8 billion, 1.0 percent below the comparable week of 1989. Cumulative volume for the first three weeks of 1990 was an estimated 55.7 billion ton-miles, down 1.2 percent from the comparable period of last year.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 20, 1990

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 20, 1990	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1989	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	33,368	31,784	5.0 %	32,705	2.0 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	2,415	2,461	-1.9	2,512	-3.9
Metallic Ores	16,567	14,182	16.8	15,978	3.7
Coal	133,163	127,968	4.1	129,917	2.5
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	12,491	12,197	2.4	12,087	3.3
Nonmetallic Minerals	8,505	9,243	-8.0	8,679	-2.0
Grain Mill Products	10,135	10,629	-4.6	10,494	-3.4
Food & Kindred Products	8,978	9,094	-1.3	9,473	-5.2
Primary Forest Products	10,283	10,806	-4.8	9,823	4.7
Lumber & Wood Products	6,747	7,167	-5.9	6,184	9.1
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,136	11,125	.1	10,857	2.6
Chemicals	29,212	28,755	1.6	27,833	5.0
Petroleum Products	5,601	5,122	9.4	5,352	4.7
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	9,169	9,505	-3.5	8,988	2.0
Coke	5,487	5,837	-6.0	5,553	-1.2
Metals & Products	9,782	10,075	-2.9	9,447	3.5
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	12,680	21,693	-41.5	10,150	24.9
Waste & Scrap Materials	8,664	9,418	-8.0	8,537	1.5
All Other Carloads	6,438	6,957	-7.5	6,279	2.5
Total	340,821	344,018	-.9 %	330,848	3.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 20, 1990 1990	1989	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 3 WEEKS ENDING JANUARY 20, 1990 1990	- 1989	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	340,821	344,018	-.9 %	960,803	981,743	-2.1 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	64,747	64,690	.1	176,312	176,307	.0
Containers	48,562	48,221	.7	143,370	133,164	7.7
Total	113,309	112,911	.4	319,682	309,471	3.3
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	19.8	20.0	-1.0 %	55.7	56.4	-1.2 %